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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Priority National Scientific and Technical

Intelligence Objectives

1. Attached is a statement, prepared jointly by the Scientific Estimates Committee and the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, of priority intelligence objectives in the scientific and technical fields.
2. These have been prepared as an elaboration of the more general objectives set forth in DCID 4/5, "Priority National Intelligence Objectives, " dated 18 October 1955, and, on approval, will be used by the members of these committees to guide their intelligence efforts.
3. This paper will be placed on the agenda of an early IAC meeting for IAC approval.



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1. Pursuant to National Security Council Directive No. 4, DCID 4/5 established a list of priority national intelligence objectives as a guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production in response to requirements relating to the formulation and execution of national security policy.

2. In order to establish a list of priority national scientific and technical intelligence objectives, the Scientific Estimates Committee and the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee--each in its own sphere of responsibility and with the concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Committee--have derived the following scientific and technical objectives from DCID 4/5. The statement of these objectives will be revised when required by revision of DCID 4/5.

3. By definition, all items in this listing are deemed to be critical national scientific and technical intelligence factors requiring priority attention and effort. Distinction is made, however, between three levels of priority within the general priority category.

Order of listing within these three groups has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within the group.

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